

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 19, 27, 40 and 45 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 20-25, 28-39 and 41-44 as follows:

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20. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein the hydrophilicity of layer (ii) is at least twice that of layer (i).

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22. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein layer (i) has a thickness of 50 to 1,000 microns.

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24. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein the layer (i) is one which is capable of debriding the wound.

25. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein layer (i) delivers a component to the wound.

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28. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein layer (ii) has a thickness of 1,000 to 5,000 microns.

29. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein layer (ii) is a felt comprised of sodium alginate/calcium alginate, sodium calcium carboxymethyl cellulose, sodium zinc carboxymethyl cellulose, sodium calcium polyacrylate or sodium calcium carageenan.

30. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein the film has an MVTR in the presence of moisture vapor alone of 2,000 to 2,500 g m<sup>-2</sup> 24hr-1.

31. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein the film has an MVTR in the presence of liquid water of 6,000 to 30,000 g m<sup>-2</sup> 24hr-1.

32. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein the film has a thickness of 30-70 microns.

33. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein the film is of a polyurethane.

34. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein an adhesive is provided on the film for bonding the latter to skin around the wound.

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